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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, March 8, 2005, I met with Catherine Bohigian, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kevin J. Martin. At that meeting, I explained why the July, 2006 ban on cable operator deployment of integrated set-top boxes should be eliminated, or at a minimum, deferred. The discussion reflected the arguments previously made by NCTA and others in written submissions in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Neal M. Goldberg

Neal M. Goldberg

cc: Catherine Bohigian